

TO SETTLE THE BUDGET

ANOTHER ELECTION IS NOT AT ALL IMPOSSIBLE

It is Now Believed that the Lords Will Keep up the Battle Against the Budget—Neither Party will Have a Strong Lead in the House, and a Very Embarrassing Situation is the Result.

London.—Never in the recollection of the most politicians have the British parties been in such a position as they are themselves today, and are likely to remain in the next house of commons is regarded. So evenly divided will be the membership of the next house and so close is the popular vote that the result for all practical purposes may be counted a tie. No human mind can divine which of the principal and different questions before the electors had the most influence at the polls, or whether the results mean that the people demand tariff reform or are loyal to the Lords or anxious to reject Chancellor Lloyd George's budget or whether all three of these have an equal effect. Under these circumstances neither party wants the responsibility of attempting to legislate, and since a division must be so close the Unionists are deterred from attempting to force a vote on the budget, and the Liberals are loath to have won by a very small margin. Mr. Balfour's speeches show plainly that with the existing conditions he is glad to have control of the government.

Premier Asquith would be equally pleased to escape the perils of pulling the party through the budget waters. There are precedents for him to ask the King to summon another leader to form the government, but no one expects him to haul down his flag. All the prophets made the prediction that the cabinet will find itself in the minority within a year, and that the country will plunge into another general election.

The figures recorded at this stage for shadows clearly how nearly equal both the popular vote and the membership of the house of commons stands. Unionists 2,565,627, Liberals 2,343,315. Laborists 385,115. This gives the United Labor party a majority of 153,893, in a total vote of 5,294,057. Today the membership of the house of commons is a tie, the Unionists and the combined Liberal and Labor parties each having elected 218 representatives.

One hundred and sixty-seven seats remain to be filled, of which 102 are English. In the last parliament there were 102 Unionists, 116 Liberals, and 102 Laborists. Should the present trend of voting continue neither the Unionists nor the Liberals can muster a majority of more than a dozen, and the Nationalists will vote for the budget.

The peers and the Irishmen will be the dominating force of the parliament. Premier Asquith has two battles to fight, to reform the Lords and to pass the budget for the coming year. The prospect is that the Peers and the Nationalists will vote for the budget. The house of lords can be reformed only by a bill, which the lords must swallow. The lords have given a mandate for this. The Unionists insist that the elections have not proved that the country desires a change in the upper house. They argue that a bare majority is not enough. No country with a written constitution, such as the United States, they point out, can make such changes by a mere majority.

The position of the Nationalists is unfair. With them all questions are inferior to home rule. The tariff reformers claim they are all protectionists if they could vote that way, and point out that they are opposed to the increase in whiskey taxes. Home rule is not likely to be a well-voiced politician because the reform of the house of lords, which the prime minister has written at the head of his program, promises a great struggle.

Farmers Rushing Machinery West
Winnipeg.—Evidence of the development of western Canada is destined to achieve this year already being recorded in the books of the freight department of local railways.

There has been during this month a very considerable movement in spring farm implements, much larger than is usual at this early stage in the year's progress. Ploughs, wagons and harrows are being hurried through from preparation for the breaking of the earth next spring. The large sums made by the farmers of western Canada this year have evidently encouraged them to make their plans for next season's harvest on an unusually elaborate and extensive scale.

The freight traffic on western Canadian railways was immense during the last twelve months. A leading official on the C.N.R. said that it was evident that 1910 would easily establish new figures. This month as a rule is one of the quietest; it comes between the seasons, yet the freight trains heavy with machinery are rushing through for western points, as if it was the busiest time of the year.

"The truth is," said the official, "there will be no quiet times in the future in western Canada."

Time for Railway Extension

Ottawa.—The senate railway committee reported a number of bills for the extension of the time on the partly constructed C. P. E. lines, including the Kamloops and Similkameen Coal and Railway company. A bill to extend the time for the construction of the Edmonton and Slave Lake railway was reported as was also one to incorporate the Grand Pacific railway, which proposes to build a line from Edmonton to Grande Prairie and from there, to connect with the Grand Trunk Pacific on the Fraser river at Fort George.

Listing Grand Trunk Pacific

London.—The underwriters get 53 per cent. of the G. T. P. issue. The lists for Canada loan are closed for cash, but remain open until a week hence for conversions; premium on stock firm at half.

ALBERTA GRAIN SHIPPED WEST

Only Five Per Cent. is Being Sent East According to Official Figures.

Calgary.—Alberta grain is undoubtedly finding a market somewhere to the west, according to the figures supplied by Mr. George Hill, the local grain inspector. Of the 1,620 cars of grain of last year's crop inspected in Calgary to date, not five per cent. has been consigned to eastern points, while in former years the very large bulk was shipped east and very little west.

While it is not definitely known that big orders are coming from Mexico, indications point that way. A large number of sealed samples have been sent by Calgary grain dealers to shippers in Mexico, and numerous enquiries have been made as to the methods of weighing and handling the grain at the Pacific coast.

The demand for spring wheat is very pronounced this year, while in former years winter wheat has dominated the market. Of 431 cars of grain inspected in Calgary for the first three weeks in January, but 63 have gone to eastern points.

The talk of the government taking over the elevators in the province has had the effect of making the elevator companies very cautious, and has stopped the construction of elevators to a certain extent. A similar condition of affairs prevailed about two years ago when there was talk of government-owned elevators, but when the flurry was over the elevator companies commenced to build.

Calgary to Have Another Great Fair
Calgary.—I. S. G. Van Wart, president, and E. L. Richardson, manager, of the Calgary Exhibition company, has returned from interviewing the provincial government upon the question of the next provincial exhibition. They obtained the consent of the government to hold a provincial exhibition in 1910. The question of an annual provincial show was not decided. The question of a permanent exhibition building was not decided. The exhibition officials will forthwith commence the work of organizing the best exhibition that Calgary has ever had.

It has already been decided to introduce many new features, and the exhibition company has many surprises in store for the patrons of the fair. A number of new buildings will have to be erected.

Mr. Richardson also received from the government the assurance that the province will give the usual assistance to live stock organizations.

Provincial Elevators Demanded

Edmonton.—A resolution for the straight government ownership of elevators, both terminal and internal, and calling upon the provincial government to take over and operate the terminal elevators, was passed by the annual farmers' convention held here.

This concludes any possibility of the association favorably considering the proposal of T. H. Worsnop, of Vancouver, for the government guarantee of independent terminal elevator at the coast. Although the convention gave Mr. Worsnop's proposition a cordial reception, the tone of the meeting was strongly in favor of absolute government ownership, and their stand was strengthened by an announcement from the columns of an afternoon newspaper that the Manitoba government had granted the request of the grain growers of that province, and had decided to operate the internal elevators.

Whether the government will grant the demands of the resolution passed recently is doubtful. The feeling in the provincial cabinet is against such a move on the ground that the western grain route would remedy the problem so far as Alberta elevators are concerned. Whether the government will yield to the voice of the association is a question.

The important announcement that a reorganization of the senate of the new parliament, by which the farmers of the province would have representation in the senate, would take place shortly, was made by Dr. Torrey, president of the University at the banquet given by the city council to the convention of farmers.

Oliver Introduces Immigration Bill

Ottawa.—In the House of Commons Mr. Oliver introduced his immigration bill, which is practically the same as the legislation which was presented last session by the minister, but which was dropped on account of the late date of the session. The bill provides that the principles of the immigration act were not allowed by this bill, but it was deemed desirable to amend the legislation so as to perfect the methods of operation and to give rights of exclusion along the 3,000 miles of international boundary. Last year's bill dealt chiefly with immigrants arriving at the Canadian ports. This bill will deal more extensively with the large number of immigrants crossing the border between the United States and Canada.

The bill will also make more drastic the regulations already existing respecting the influx of aliens. It also provides that a board of inquiry shall sit and decide upon the merits of each case of reported undesirable immigrants. Once, however, the immigrant has passed the immigration authorities and is afterwards in trouble with them, he must apply to the courts and put up a certain sum of money for expenses to prevent being summarily deported. He cannot avail himself of the law, however, until he has passed the immigration authorities. The bill was given its first reading.

Eighty Families Coming

London.—In connection with the Canadian Pacific scheme for settling families upon improved lands in western Canada, eighty families will sail shortly.

Manchurian Railroads

Pekin.—Japan and Russia are united in opposition to the neutralization of Manchurian railroads proposed by Mr. Knox, American secretary of state. Informally, Tokio has notified China to this effect.

CONSERVE RESOURCES

THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEET AT THE CAPITAL

Dr. Robertson, Speaking on "Conservation of Agricultural Resources," Expressed the Opinion that there was a Tendency for Men to Overwork the Land Without Thought of the Future.

Ottawa.—At the first business meeting of the commission of conservation held here, Hon. Frank Cochrane, of the Ontario government, who presided, called on Dr. Fernow, dean of the faculty of forestry in Toronto University, to speak on forestry. Dealing with the subject of public ownership of forest lands, Dr. Fernow showed the wonderful success resulting in countries where the state controlled the lumber business. He suggested that a Royal commission be formed, or as the chairman had suggested, a committee be formed to look into these matters. Dr. J. W. Robertson addressed the meeting on "Conservation of Agricultural Resources." The conditions existing in Canada and the United States he said were practically concurrent. In the west there was a tendency for men to take what they wanted from the land, get rich and let mother earth look after itself. Agriculture implied suppression of weeds, restraint of damaging diseases and preservation of beauty and fertility.

The address of Dr. P. H. Bryce, chief medical inspector of the department of the interior, was very popular because he was well understood. In brief he suggested measures for the maintenance and the improvement of public health. His basic assumption was that science can now keep the resident of a densely populated city in as fine a physical condition as a nomad. Dr. Bryce named several essentials to public health—a purity of milk entailing the probably municipalization of our milk supply, better school inspection of children, rigorous methods to stop the pollution of rivers, the common sense treatment of the tuberculosis problem and greater care to prevent railway and industrial accidents.

A Corn That Will Ripen in the West

Winnipeg.—One of the exhibits at the Fargo, North Dakota, corn show that has created great attention and surprise, was one sent from here by E. A. Bower, a newspaper man who has been experimenting quietly for five or six years to produce corn that would ripen here and be of commercial value.

Reports from Fargo say the exhibit holds a most conspicuous position in the show room and has proved a decided feature of the exhibition, demonstrating to the most competent judges that excellent feed corn can be raised in western Canada.

This corn, raised in a country where few would believe it possible, is just as good for fattening cattle and hogs as any raised in Kansas or Missouri, said Prof. G. W. Randall, promoter of the show, and one of the best judges. It is understood that this corn will be tested extensively under the auspices of the Free Press this year in all the western prairie provinces.

Will Not Eat Meat

Cleveland, O.—From an idle jest in the lunch room of a big manufacturing here, last week, the Cleveland strike against eating meat has grown to huge proportions.

One hundred thousand people in Cleveland have pledged themselves to abstain from eating meat for thirty days. The Ohio legislature is the only state body so far to take up the question. A committee to investigate the cost of meat will open its session next week. Practically every minor city in Ohio has taken up the movement. Lorain, New Philadelphia and Bellefontaine were added to the number. Since the inception of the strike, beef, lamb and pork have decreased in price, but further reduction is modified by the fact farmers have stopped their shipments into town. Ten thousand households are reported to have signed petitions against eating of eggs until the price has dropped from 48c to 25c per dozen.

A Very Satisfactory Conference

Winnipeg.—As a result of the conference between the ministers of the government and the members of the executive of the Grain Growers' Association, the government will take immediate steps to frame a bill to be presented at the next session of the legislature.

The conference lasted fully two hours and during which time the entire proposition of government ownership of elevators, as presented by the Grain Growers' Association to the government on January 5, was amicably discussed clause by clause. When the bill is ready, but before it is submitted to the legislature, another conference will be held, at which it will be presented to the Grain Growers.

As far as could be learned, there was no radical changes from the original proposition considered. One member of the deputation said: "There could not have been a more satisfactory conference."

Suffragettes Want a Man

London.—Suffragette missionaries sent to Canada to arouse the women of the Empire to the cause of the public fountain had it not been for the police, to whom they appealed in great fear. Their headquarters were raided and ransacked.

Count Zeppelin's Latest

Berlin.—A 964 foot dirigible, carrying 300 persons for air traffic between London and Hamburg is the latest plan on which Count Zeppelin is working. Negotiations for landing stages are under way.

Georgian Bay Canal Charter Extended

Ottawa.—The railway committee of the commons put through the bill extending by two years, the charter of the Montreal, Ottawa and Georgian Bay Canal Company. There was a lot of opposition to it.

31 DEAD AND MANY INJURED

Such is the Latest Report of the Terrible Accident Near Webbwood

Montreal.—The official list of the dead of the Webbwood wreck, issued by Vice-President McNeill from C. P. R. headquarters shows that thirty-one people lost their lives in the wreck and that the number dead may be increased by later reports as advices to the C. P. R. state that the work of extricating the first class car from the river has not yet been completed, and it is feared that more bodies may be found in the submerged car. Most of the victims of the accident met death from drowning, nine dying from injuries received by the second class car colliding with the bridge.

The report that the victims were injured by the fire which destroyed the car are denied. According to advices received by the company there are twenty injured in the hospital at Sudbury, most of them suffering from minor injuries.

The Canadian Pacific will hold an enquiry into the cause of the accident, all that is known so far being that the fourth coach from the engine left the track about 300 feet east of the bridge. Sudbury.—The worst wreck in the history of the C.P.R. occurred on the South branch at the bridge crossing the Spanish river at 11 o'clock on Friday afternoon, in which 31 passengers were killed and many injured.

The Spanish river is 38 miles from Sudbury and is crossed by the C. P. R. with an iron bridge. When the train left Sudbury at 12 noon it carried about one hundred persons. The train was made up as follows:

Engine, mail and baggage car, express, second class coach, colonist, first class coach, diner and Pullman.

The bridge was approached at a fair rate of speed and the engine, mail, baggage and express cars had gone on to the structure, when from reason to lower grade the trucks jumped the track.

The second class coach split in two as clean as though cut with a knife, and the momentum of the train carried the half of the second class coach with its passengers, to safety. The colonist car, first class car and diner went down the bank into the river, the Pullman falling over on its side.

Accidents Due to Overloading Vessels

Detroit, Mich.—That overloading of vessels is the cause of the largest percentage of accidents on the great lakes, was brought out by speakers at a meeting of the Great Lakes Protective association here recently. To relieve owners of strongly constructed ships from paying premiums on losses, a new law is being introduced, which would classify a ship as a "strongly constructed" ship, if it is of the Lloyd's type recommended.

Speaking of the causes of lake disasters, A. A. Wright, of the Dominion Marine association, says: "Many vessels on the lakes are loading far beyond the safety limit, owing to lack of watch construction. At the bottom of the trouble is the anxiety of the owners to get the maximum load and the greatest number of trips, and the captain who is trying to beat his competitors and make the best time. As it is we have all got to contribute for the other man's nerve."

May Supersede Elusive Trolley Wire

New York.—Noted electrical engineers and traffic men will go to West Orange, N. J., to witness the first practical test of the new storage battery on which Thos. A. Edison has been working for years. The battery is to be tried on an ordinary street car between Newark and West Orange. If the test is successful the car will be run to Philadelphia. If the battery is found practicable it will mean that trolley wires will be done away with. It will also go far, it is claimed, toward solving the problem of industrial aerial navigation.

Improve Navigation of Saskatchewan

Ottawa.—An influential deputation from Prince Albert, headed by Hon. J. M. Macdonald, and including Messrs. Oliver and Fugate, will urge the improvement of navigation on the Saskatchewan river, so as to enable coal to be brought down by vessels from the areas around Edmonton to Prince Albert and other points enroute.

They also asked that a government wharf be built at Prince Albert. The deputation consisted of Messrs. May, McGee, Dr. Lyman, Messrs. Peterson and Walker. Consideration of the request was promised.

Extending Navigation on Red River

Winnipeg.—An enterprise which promises to be of far-reaching importance to Winnipeg traffic, is the establishment within the coming year of a line of steam craft on the Red River and Lake Winnipeg. Arrangements for the undertaking, which will involve an outlay of \$300,000 to \$400,000, are now under way, and it is expected that a fleet of steamboats and steam barges will be in operation next summer.

Would Prohibit Dropping Explosives

St. Petersburg.—The international bureau of peace at Brussels has addressed to the governments of all countries a proposition to re-adopt and extend to dirigibles and aeroplanes the provision of the first Hague peace conference, forbidding the dropping of explosives from aerostats during war. This expired by limitation after five years.

Canadian Immigration

Ottawa.—Immigration to Canada for December was 8,673, compared with 4,900 the same month the previous year. The total for nine months, April to December, was 128,029 compared with 121,556 the same period the preceding year. For calendar year 1909 the figures are 184,281, and for 1908, were 148,700. The immigration from the U. S. was 40,096 as compared with 67,124.

Favors Preference

Melbourne.—Sir W. Best, of Ballarat, declares that no sentiment is more popular in Australia than that favoring a British preference. He entirely repudiates the suggestion that the preference given by Australia in 1909 meant a gift of £225,000 to British merchants.

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REGULATE COAL RATES

TO PLACE FREIGHT CHARGES BEFORE COMMISSION

Hon. Duncan Marshall has Announced His Intention of Investigating Rates Charged by Railway Companies for Carrying Coal—A Co-operative Pork Packing Plant to be Established by the Government.

Edmonton.—Important announcements affecting matters of vital interest to the farmers of the province were made by Premier Rutherford and the Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture, at the annual convention of the United Farmers' Association of Alberta.

The Hon. Duncan Marshall has announced his intention of investigating what he termed as the outrageous charges by the railway company for the transportation of coal from the coal mining centre to the isolated towns and villages in the province and of laying the case before the railway commission with a demand for redress in the form of cheaper rates.

Both Premier Rutherford and Hon. Mr. Marshall have repeated the intention of the government to fulfill to the letter the promise to establish a co-operative pork packing plant at some point in the province, provided that the farmers gave sufficient guarantee that they would be prepared to supply sufficient raw material to keep the plant on its feet.

Hon. Duncan Marshall pointed out in unmistakable terms the folly of establishing a plant in the face of the present conditions, in which it was impossible for the packing plants in existence to obtain sufficient hogs to run the plants to capacity.

The premier asked the convention to discuss fully the question of government ownership of terminal elevators, and to formulate some businesslike proposition which they could present to the government and the legislature.

He stated that although a great many farmers in the province had availed themselves of the hail insurance offered by the government, there was still a considerable deficit. He was not in favor of the government discontinuing the hail insurance, but he hoped that the convention would discuss the matter. A total of \$80,000 had been received in premiums during the past year, but \$73,000 more than had been paid in indemnities.

Railways Liable for Forest Fires

Ottawa.—A spirited attack by Hon. Clifford Sifton upon the Canadian railway corporations generally, and upon the intercolonial railway specially for causing many destructive forest fires along their routes, was the feature of the closing session of the Canadian Conservation commission.

The discussion of this question arose in connection with the report presented by Senator Edwards, chairman of the committee of forests, and in which he stated that the intercolonial railway had caused many forest fires along their routes, and that the government was not doing enough to prevent them. He stated that the intercolonial railway had caused many forest fires along their routes, and that the government was not doing enough to prevent them.

"We do not permit any private individual to go through the country destroying valuable property," said Mr. Sifton very emphatically, "then why in the name of common sense should railways be allowed to do it?"

Project of Militarists

Toronto.—Dr. Goldwin Smith has written a letter to the Kingston Standard on the Canadian navy proposals. He says: "If anything in the way of a tribute is due from Canada as a dependency of the Empire, let it be promptly and cheerfully paid. But the project of a Canadian fleet surely involves a change of relation upon which the people of Canada have a claim to be consulted. It practically involves indefinite demands upon Canada in the case of war. The project appears to have emanated not so much from any considerable portion of our now somewhat motley population but rather from the high imperialist and militarist section; small comparatively in number, which gathers at the Colonial banquets in London. I write as an Englishman convinced that war with Germany, which militarists seem to be trying to bring on, but of which, if they would be quiet, there surely is no probability, would be fatal to the interests of the country, even if victory were hers."

Will Have Home Rule or an Election

London.—John Redmond, the leader of the Irish party, said that there would be seventy members from Ireland absolutely controlled by the Home Rulers, and five from England and Scotland. He asserted that the first proposal would be Home Rule, and unless there was a guarantee to that effect the Irish votes would again force a dissolution of parliament. It is almost impossible at the present moment to gauge popular feeling on Home Rule, for while Premier Asquith placed it in his platform many Liberal candidates have been compelled to repudiate it.

Japanese Leave Question for Britain

Birmingham, Eng.—The Birmingham Post states that for some time past the American and Japanese governments have been trying to negotiate a new immigration treaty. It was found that the two countries could not reach an agreement on certain vital points, and it was thereupon decided to seek the good offices of the British government as mediator. This offer was accepted by Great Britain, but action by this country in the matter has been delayed owing to the general election, which has taken up the time of all the members of the cabinet.

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PAT DUCK DUCKED.

How Well-Known Lambton Character Escaped Jail.

Pat Duck, an eccentric old Irishman, was well known in Lambton county thirty years ago. He itinerated from village to village with a little museum of curiosities, or as he designated them, "frakes of nature." There was the two-headed calf, the hen with three legs, the Garivari on which they used to "sweat in Oireland," etc., etc.

Pat would stand in front of his show and pour forth a flood of eloquence regarding these "frakes of nature," all to be seen for "foive cints," and the people would go in time and time again, not so much to see the frakes as to hear Pat's witty comments on the same.

Pat had one failing. He was too fond of spending his "foive cints" on good Irish whiskey, or any other kind and on one occasion the disturbance he created while under his exhilarating influence brought him into rather serious trouble. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and sentenced to a week in the county jail with the option of paying a fine, which he either could not or would not do. A constable was detailed to take Pat to the jail at Sarnia, and they drove off together, the distance being about fourteen miles. On reaching Sarnia, Pat proposed that they put the horse in the hotel shed and then have a drink.

"Sure, we'll be ather havin' a drop of the cratur' before ye'll be laivin' me in the jug, Dinna dear. Ye'll drink to me health for the sake of 'the toimes we pulled the prattles together when we were the little goosons." So into the bar they went, the two cronies. Pat had some loose change, and he stood treat, not once, but many times. An observer might have noticed that it was the constable that did the drinking, while for some occult reason Pat for once was an abstainer.

Late in the afternoon they started for the jail. By that time the constable had "a pretty fair-sized jug on." When they arrived Pat, who on the way had abstracted the constable's papers from Dennis' pocket, presented them to the proper authority and delivered Dennis to the tender mercies of the jailer. When it dawned on Dennis that he had been taken to the jail, he decided to break out of the stable that he was being given in charge he wildly expostulated and sought to explain, but Pat, with a lordly wave of the hand, remarked: "Don't mind him at all, at all; shure he's that drunk he don't know what he's sayin'." A statement which was accepted at its face value. So the constable was shut up in prison and Pat walked off a free man.

Mr. Robertson Was Wrathful

Unlike some newspaper proprietors, Mr. John Ross Robertson takes the keenest interest in every line that appears in his paper. There is a legend that he once almost missed a sailing for Europe by turning back from the railroad station to ask why the paper had been scooped on a trivial item he noticed in a rival sheet. A story is told to the effect that some years ago he walked into his private office and found on his desk a copy of another evening journal with an account of a murder in "the Ward" blazoned clear across its front page. He had read the Telegram and no such item appeared in it. He glared at it for a moment and then started for the city editor's room with a hop, skip and jump. It was late of a summer afternoon and the man on office duty was the only one in sight. Mr. Robertson snatched the paper before him and demanded to know the reason why the paper was asleep, declaring with warmth of language that a general cleaning out of reporters was about due. The terrified desk man gazed speechless at the paper for he in truth was the man "scooped." Suddenly his eyes lit upon the date line. It was a paper of the same month as three years previous, and the junior in cleaning up Mr. Robertson's rooms had accidentally knocked it out of some hiding places. As the chief paused for breath he found words: "They're a little late with the story," he said. "It happened three years ago."

Ats Their Moccasins.

Bishop Stringer, of the Church of England, recently arrived at Dawson, after a hard trip of 47 days from Fort MacPherson at the mouth of the Mackenzie River, bringing the first news since summer from that region.

The bishop and missionary Charles Johnson started from Fort MacPherson September 1, hoping to cross to the head of the Porcupine River in time to reach Yukon River last fall with a canoe. The head of Bell River, emptying into the Porcupine, was partly frozen, so they had to walk back to Fort MacPherson.

For 25 days they mushed in blinding fog with little food. Their supplies finally gave out and they experienced hardships worse than those of Peary. For a long time there was only a handful of food for each man daily.

Finally the party were compelled to take their moccasins and mukluks from their feet and eat them. They were able then to walk five or ten miles a day until they stumbled into an Indian camp. Their moccasins and mukluks had kept them alive for five days. Each man had lost 50 pounds in weight.

Johnson remained at Fort MacPherson. After the rivers froze, the bishop, with two Indians, started for Dawson via Rampart and came through with no further difficulty.

Might Help.

The reputable American newspapers have begun an agitation against yellow journalism. Some Canadian journals might help the cause by abolishing their colored supplements.—London Advertiser.

Andree's Balloon Found.

It is reported that the balloon of the ill-fated explorer Andree has been found in the Arctic circle, 900 miles north of Prince Albert, Sask.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson V.—First Quarter, For Jan. 30, 1910.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Matt. v. 17-28, 38-48—Memory Verses, 44—Golden Text, Matt. v. 43—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

There are some prominent facts which we must keep in mind in all Bible study—the Bible is the history of salvation; salvation is of the Lord; salvation is of the Jew; known unto God are all His works from the beginning of the world. He worketh all things after the counsel of His own will, and the eternal purpose which He has purposed in Christ Jesus is that all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God and the whole earth be filled with His glory. To that end He is steadily working, and in all the different parts of this book, which is forever settled in heaven, we have some phase of the working out of this eternal purpose. The whole Bible story points onward to a time when "a king shall reign in righteousness . . . and the work of righteousness shall be peace" (Isa. xxxii, 1, 17). Our blessed Lord was always talking about this kingdom and giving samples of the power that would be manifest even in the bodies of His redeemed when the kingdom shall have come. Between His resurrection and ascending during these forty days He spoke of things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

In this discourse, spoken to His disciples probably in the hearing of the multitude, He describes the righteousness which will be fully manifest on earth when the kingdom comes, a righteousness of the Ten Commandments, which He here teaches us refers not only to outward acts, but to the thoughts and intents of the heart. He alone of all who have ever lived on earth manifested the righteousness of the law perfectly in His life. He could truly say, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God; yea, Thy law is within my heart" (Ps. xl, 8).

Having no sin of His own, for He was without sin, He bare our sins in His own body on the tree and became the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Rom. x, 4; II Cor. v, 21). Anything less than the righteousness which was

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Gleichen, Alberta, January 27, 1910.

The Agricultural College Location

The opening of the Alberta Legislature is near at hand and The Call is of the opinion the establishment of the proposed Agricultural College will bring about more discussion than any other subject at this session, and we will be surprised if it is not the warmest discussion yet heard in the House. For these reasons The Call intends once more to bring Gleichen's claims before our readers that they may be fully acquainted with our position.

To start with we will here make some quotations from letters and some prominent newspapers in Alberta.

C. P. B. GIVES GLEICHEN 320 ACRES FOR COLLEGE

The following letter was received early in February, 1908, from Mr. J. S. Dennis, assistant second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., by Mr. A. D. Shore, vice-president of the Board of Trade, and fully explains itself:

"Dear Sir,—With further reference to the interviews had with yourself and to the correspondence had with the Gleichen Board of Trade regarding the establishment at that point of the proposed Agricultural College for the Province, I now beg to advise you that I am authorized by the management to state that if the Government will establish the proposed Agricultural College there or in that vicinity, we will be prepared to make a free grant of 320 acres of land, one-half of which shall be ir-ri-gated, for the use of the college, provided it is located and maintained at that point.

"I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Hon. the Minister of Agriculture at Edmonton so that he may be advised of our attitude in the matter."

NEWSPAPERS ADVANCE ARGUMENTS

The following references to Gleichen's claims for the college were made by the three daily papers of Calgary at the time Mr. Dennis' letter was made public:

Calgary Morning Albertan:

"There is another argument in favor of Gleichen as a home for the Agricultural College of Alberta, and that is the generosity of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in donating one half section of land to the Government on condition that the College be located in Gleichen. One half of this land is under irrigation and the other half is not under irrigation. All of this land is of the very best quality. This gift on the part of the railway company should be appreciated by the administration and by the people of this province.

"Access to the north has an experimental farm. Leth- to the south has an experimental farm. Gleichen, laying mid-way between the two, would satisfy all concerned.

"Gleichen has a very strong position, and it will be surprising if the advantages are not recognized by the Provincial administration."

The Calgary Daily Herald:

"With commendable enterprise the C. P. R. has offered a half section of land in the Gleichen district as a site for the Agricultural College. This ought to settle the location.

The Calgary Daily News:

"Gleichen has 360 good reasons for the location of the Agricultural College, each the size of an acre—and then some."

Let us hope the ice man will have more business than the coal man has had so far this winter.

The weather man has certainly started off with a good reputation for this year, and if he only keeps it as good he will hear many nice things concerning himself.

The people of this riding are expecting the member of this constituency to get many things for them at the coming session of the Legislature, but few are saying out loud just what they do expect or how they will help to get them.

The Spokane chief of police has determined to appoint a woman as a police officer in that city, and he now has so many applicants for the job that he is sorry he will be known. If some women we have heard talk get the job and would do all they say, Spokane would soon have to engage the girls.

If there is a chance to boom business, boom it. Don't put on a long face and look as though you had a stomach ache. Hold up your head, smile and look for better things. Hide your little hammer and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you may know yourself to be, and you will be the happier for it.

Many a man will talk interestingly of his wants for an hour to one lonely customer, quoting prices, qualities, etc., etc., but the same man will seldom spend fifteen minutes to talk to a thousand people at once through a newspaper, and like as not he will tell you advertising don't pay. Of course, it don't pay unless it is done right. Tell the readers about anything you have to sell as you do in your place of business and they will soon look for your bargains and comments.

What's an Acre Worth ?

Two or three weeks ago a Nebraska farmer, fifty odd years old, sold his farm to a man of the younger set, a recent graduate of an agricultural college. The farm was a quarter section of good black prairie land something similar but not quite as good as the land around Gleichen, and the price paid was \$17,920.00 or \$112.00 per acre. It had been bought ten years before for \$3,500 or a shade less than \$22.00 an acre, this was for the raw prairie land.

Improvements made in the meantime cost in the neighborhood of \$15.00 an acre, leaving a difference between purchase and sale prices of \$75.00 an acre, or \$120.00. This case is far from record breaking.

Now, what is to stop this land from advancing in price just as rapidly as the land in Nebraska, where the same conditions prevail and where they raise the same kind of crops, but with this difference they don't raise any wheat that will go fifty bushels to the acre, or oats that will yield one hundred and twenty bushels, or flax that will go twenty-six bushels to the acre, as one field did two miles north of this town.

We are now coming to the most important part of these facts. We have thousands of acres of this land, both improved and unimproved that we are selling at from \$15.00 to \$50.00 an acre.

Watch this space for our lists from time to time. We will change every two or three weeks, and if you see something that you think will appeal to you, come in and let us show it to you, if it suits you, you buy, and if it don't we are out our time and you are out yours.

Write or ask for our private list.

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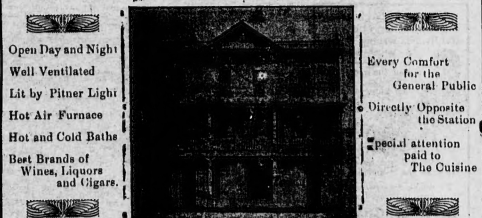
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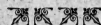
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This sale includes the finest assortment of Cups, Saucers, Tea Sets, Bread and Butter Plates, Vases, Biscuit Jars that we have ever displayed for the money.

EVERYTHING AT HALF PRICE**Free**

With every Chinaware purchase of \$1.00 or over we will give free one beautiful Photoengraving engraved in eleven colors. These pictures were sold during Xmas week for fifty cents each—but while they last, and we have only 48 of them, we will give one free with every purchase.

Don't delay—see the Chinaware—examine the prices—look at the pictures and draw your own conclusion.

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And the housekeepers are still complaining about the mud.

Rev. Castle has been laid up with la grippe since Sunday, but is recovering.

The Hockey Club dance and match next Tuesday will be something worth attending.

Mrs. Habgood and two daughters of Naumaka spent a few hours in Gleichen Saturday afternoon.

The skating party Friday evening promises to be well patronized and to supply plenty of enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Naylor are rejoicing over the arrival of a son at their home on Jan. 19th.

As a special finishing touch Rennie & Ramsay are selling, for one week, Robin Hood flour at \$3.50.

Thos. Till, wife and family, left on Friday to spend a few months at Cowichan, on Vancouver Island, B. C.

The Pioneer Meat Market carries a full line of Premium Breakfast Bacon, Peerless Skinned Hams and Lard in bulk.

Jas. Shouldice of Calgary spent Friday in town visiting his numerous friends and was pleased to note the progress in Gleichen since his last visit.

J. F. Newton, manager of the Traders Bank, returned on Saturday from a visit of about a month to friends in Toronto and other eastern points.

Geo. H. Walsh purchased from Bray & Brosseau four acres of land just north of the school house, and expects to build a \$2,000 home there this spring.

Jack James returned Friday from from Calgary where he spent about five days in the Columbia hospital. He is not very strong yet but his friends are glad to see him about again.

Walsh & Pagett closed a deal this week with Messrs. Ogilvie and West for five lots on the corner of Third avenue and Cawthorn street, upon which they will erect a large sale stable.

J. Turnbull has taken over the management of the Gleichen skating rink during Mr. Till's absence and is doing all he can to continue to make the rink more attractive than ever.

Miss Conway will be at home on Tuesday and Friday afternoons of each week to ladies wishing to inspect her Spirella Models. Orders should be in at once as it takes a month to fill them.

The Balmoral Company will render on Jan. 27 a special Scottish program in honor of the anniversary of "Bobbie Burns" with a grand auld Scottish program. Manager Brandon of the Jeannie Russell Co. offers the above grand attraction to the theater goers of Gleichen.

Three of the ladies of the red light district were in court Tuesday afternoon, and J. S. Laycock, J.P., fined the keeper \$25 and two inmates \$10 each, adding \$2.75 costs to each. F. C. Vigar, J. P., dealt with four men the police captured in the raid and taxed each \$5 with costs. It might be a surprise to name the latter.

W. A. Brown was in town several days last week completing the purchase of the northwest quarter of section 32, 19, 21, from Victor Jenson. This adjoins Mr. Brown's half section, and as there is already 50 acres of it broken, he will be rewarded by a crop next season. The price paid was \$22 per acre, which goes to show farm property is still on the rise in the Queenstown district. Mr. Jenson is purchasing a half section further east in the same township. Both men believe they have made a good bargain, so all should be happy.

The police court has been fairly busy of late, and evidently our new officers are determined to keep the town quiet. They are to be admired, for they never interfere unless they believe they have the best reasons. The Call has about decided that we will have to assist in the good work by hereafter giving a full report of police court doings, as some have become too fond of asking the favor to keep their names out of the paper when they have misbehaved. Let us hope it will not be necessary in future to report such things, but we are fully aware some care little about paying a fine so long as their friends do not see it in print.

A comet has been visible since Saturday night, just over the Lock. Mountains, but is gradually disappearing. No one in particular seems to have any claim on the comet and therefore it will have to pass unnamed.

On account of the mild weather the Women's Auxiliary have decided not to hold their skating party on Friday, the 28th inst., but will serve afternoon tea on Tuesday afternoon next, February 1st, at the rink during the hockey match.

From Feb. 1st The Call will each issue give a daily report of the weather. Rev. Cannon Stockon will bring the Government instruments that day from his home at the South Camp and give them to F.H. Blackburn, who has kindly offered to supply The Call with an official report each week.

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This week is positively the final days of sale. Any Goods left bearing Special Sale Price, as advertised, can be purchased until Saturday, 29th.

LAY IN A STOCK

A Special Finishing Touch for our Sale, for one week, will be ROBIN HOOD FLOUR for \$3.50.

SPRING MERCHANDISE

Is already piling in upon us. We shall have some interesting things to say about them later. Again thanking all our patrons who have helped make our January business and our Special Sale a success. We remain,

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Sale Closes Saturday, January 29th, at 10 P. M.

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